

nally proposed by Mr. Berkeley but relinquished by that eminent algologist as "frustrated by Kützing's genus *Sirosyphon*," which Mr. Hassall remarks (p. 231), "I cannot think it is."

We have not space to allow of our noticing Mr. Hassall's peculiar views upon the cytoblast and its uses as a "laboratory or stomach in which the materials necessary for the growth and vitality of the cell and its contents are received and digested" (p. 5), or as an organ of fertilization (p. 6), or on the "vegetable structure which secretes the raphides;" but this is of less consequence, as they have been remarked upon in rather strong terms of reprobation in the 'Botan. Zeitung' for Aug. 25, 1843; that reviewer considers them to be made up of "phantasies and absurdities."

In conclusion, we would again remind our readers, that although we have found much to censure, that in a much greater number of instances praise is due. It is unfortunately our duty to point out the errors rather than the beauties of such a work as the present, which with all its faults is an acquisition to the British botanist.

British Libellulinæ or Dragon-flies. By W. F. Evans, M.E.S.
Svo. London, 1845.

A little book containing characteristic figures of all the known British species of *Libellulæ*, but devoid of that artistical beauty to which we are accustomed in entomological works. The figures seem sufficient by which to identify the species and are apparently very accurate. The letter-press is very little more than an explanation of the plates, not containing the generic and specific characters—a very great omission. Neither do we see any reference to the labours of M. Selys de Longchamps in this tribe of insects.

A Flora of Tunbridge Wells, being a List of Indigenous Plants within a radius of fifteen miles around that place. By Edw. Jenner, A.L.S.
Svo. Tunbridge Wells, 1845.

The most perfect local flora that we have seen, if we take that term as describing a mere list of plants. It is very full in the department of flowering plants, but peculiarly so in that of the cryptogamic tribes. Mr. Jenner's well-known acquaintance with those obscurer tribes had led us to expect a very valuable list, and we have not been disappointed.

Circumstances over which the author had no control have delayed the publication of this volume so as to make some of the earlier pages appear rather obsolete; this will not however be found so much the case as to affect the convenient use of the book, which we can strongly recommend.